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Manufacturing: Manufacturing output increased by 1.1% in July compared to the same month last year. The manufacturing sector continued to be a source of growth in the economy.

Wholesale and Retail Trade: Wholesale and retail trade sales increased by 1.1% in July compared to the same month last year. The retail sector showed an improvement in trading pattern valued more as well. After posting a 1.0% decline in June, the retail sector showed a strong recovery in July.

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Employment/Unemployment: The unadjusted unemployment rate in Alberta declined from 8.4% in July 1991 to 7.8% in August, the second lowest rate in Canada. The total number of persons employed increased by 1,000 while unemployment declined by 9,000 over the same two month period. By industry, unemployment rates declined in six of the nine categories listed in this report including manufacturing, retail trade, and accommodation, food and beverages.

Housing: Although declining by 7.1% in June 1991 compared to June 1990, some signs of improvement in building permit values were evident; after posting a 20.5% decline in May, for example, permits issued in the residential category increased by 2.7% in June. Similarly, though urban dwelling starts were down 16.9% in June, two-family and row housing starts both increased.

International Travelers: The total number of non-residents entering Alberta in July 1991 decreased by 8.9% over the same month last year. This despite increasing visitations from Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Hong Kong. (Note: U.S. figures exclude same-day entries. See data table for additional note).

Domestic Trade: Restaurant, caterers and tavern receipts declined by 8.1% in June 1991 compared to June 1990 and by 4.9% on a year-to-date basis. The total value of retail trade declined by 6.9% and by 5.3% over the same periods, respectively. Nonetheless, the 5.3% cumulative decline was not as severe as the 6.9% drop nationally.

Manufacturing: Following a 0.1% decline in June (revised from earlier

estimates), the total value of manufacturing shipments increased by 3.5% in July 1991 compared to July 1990. Shipments have increased 1.9% on a year-to-date basis, the highest and only growth posted provincially.

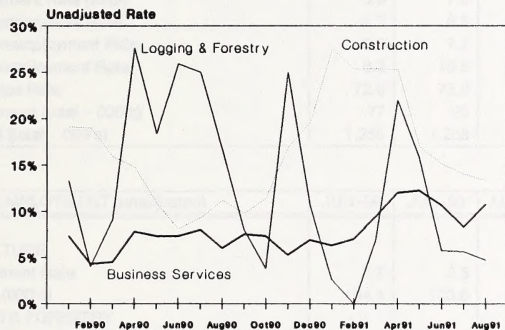
Energy: Natural gas production in Alberta continued to increase in May, though at a slower pace than in the previous month. Crude oil and equivalents production, after posting a 5.8% decline in April, rebounded to increase by 2.5% in May 1991 over May 1990. Though drilling activity remains up 1.2% on a year-to-date basis, July saw the number of rigs drilling decline by 19%.

Agriculture: Following a 14.8% decline over the first quarter, farm cash receipts derived from crops increased by 4% in the second. Livestock receipts, however, declined 1.5% and contributed to an overall loss of 2.0% in value compared to the same period last year.

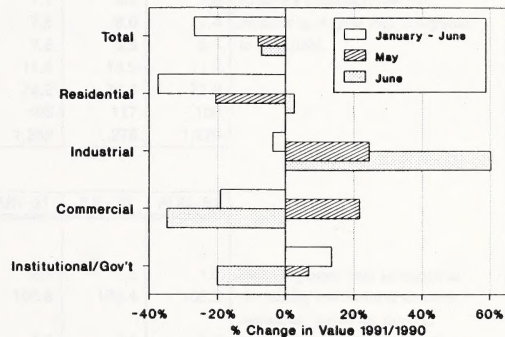
Exports: The total value of exports increased by 5.3% in May 1991 compared to May 1990 and by 15.5% over the first five months of the year. The latter figure represented the highest rate of growth in Canada.

Bankruptcies/Incorporations: Both business and consumer bankruptcies declined in July 1991 compared to July 1990 by 23.4% and 41.2%, respectively. Incorporations of Alberta firms declined by 11.7% over the same period; non-Alberta incorporations, however, increased by 15.5%.

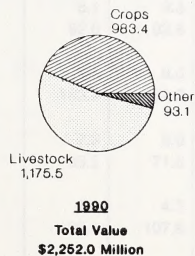
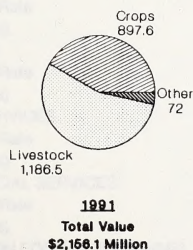
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, ALBERTA Selected Industries



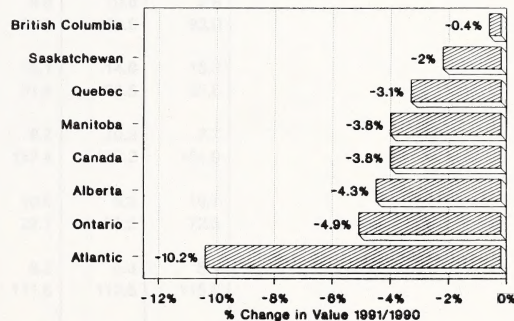
BUILDING PERMITS, ALBERTA



FARM CASH RECEIPTS, ALBERTA January - June



FARM CASH RECEIPTS, PROVINCES January to June



CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

August 1991

UNEMPLOYMENT (unadjusted)	JUN-90	JUL-90	AUG-90	JUN-91	JUL-91	AUG-91
Alberta						
a) Unemployment Rate (total)	5.8	7.0	7.1	7.7	8.4	7.8
b) Male Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.5	6.2	7.5	8.0	7.4
c) Female Unemployment Rate	5.8	7.7	8.2	7.8	8.9	8.3
d) Youth Unemployment Rate	8.2	10.9	9.6	11.4	13.9	11.2
e) Participation Rate	72.6	73.9	73.6	74.2	74.4	73.9
f) Unemployment (total - 000's)	77	95	96	106	117	108
g) Employed (total - 000's)	1,255	1,263	1,257	1,282	1,278	1,279

Alberta's unemployment rate declined in August 1991 compared to July 1991.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT (unadjusted)	JUN-90	JUL-90	AUG-90	JUN-91	JUL-91	AUG-91
Alberta						
a) AGRICULTURE						
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.3	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.5
Employed (000's)	104.4	103.0	102.8	100.9	108.4	105.9
b) LOGGING & FORESTRY						
Unemployment Rate	25.9	25.0	16.7	5.7	5.6	4.7
Employed (000's)	2.0	2.4	2.5	3.3	3.4	4.1
c) MINING						
Unemployment Rate	6.3	5.1	4.4	5.7	6.9	7.0
Employed (000's)	74.7	72.2	75.3	72.9	72.5	71.6
d) MANUFACTURING						
Unemployment Rate	6.7	5.6	5.3	9.8	10.8	7.6
Employed (000's)	93.2	99.3	97.7	93.9	93.6	93.0
e) CONSTRUCTION						
Unemployment Rate	8.1	9.3	11.2	15.1	14.0	13.3
Employed (000's)	92.0	92.6	92.1	91.4	95.5	95.6
f) RETAIL TRADE						
Unemployment Rate	6.8	8.0	6.9	8.7	10.2	7.7
Employed (000's)	162.7	168.3	162.6	157.4	157.2	154.9
g) BUSINESS SERVICES						
Unemployment Rate	7.3	8.0	6.0	10.6	8.3	10.7
Employed (000's)	69.5	71.6	73.0	72.1	73.5	72.3
h) HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES						
Unemployment Rate	3.0	4.3	2.9	6.2	5.3	5.1
Employed (000's)	105.1	107.9	109.4	111.6	110.8	110.6
i) ACCOMODATION FOOD & BEVERAGES						
Unemployment Rate	10.0	13.4	12.5	13.1	15.1	14.4
Employed (000's)	75.0	78.9	72.5	85.8	82.4	85.1

Unemployment rates increased in the mining and business services industries, stayed the same in agriculture, and declined in all other categories listed in August 1991 compared to July 1991.

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	JANUARY - JUNE			MAY			JUNE		
			PER- CENT			PER- CENT			PER- CENT
BUILDING PERMITS (\$millions)	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE
Alberta									
a) Total Value	1,701.7	1,248.2	-26.6	288.4	265.1	-8.1	234.8	218.1	-7.1
b) Residential	1,060.3	664.5	-37.3	195.8	155.7	-20.5	132.8	136.4	2.7
c) Industrial	120.1	115.6	-3.7	8.5	10.6	24.7	13.1	21.0	60.3
d) Commercial	379.1	306.6	-19.1	60.8	74.0	21.7	70.9	46.3	-34.7
e) Institutional/Government	142.1	161.4	13.6	23.3	24.9	6.9	18.0	14.4	-20.0

Though residential permits showed some improvement, total value was down 7.1% in June 1991 compared to June 1990.

	JANUARY - JUNE			MAY			JUNE		
			PER- CENT			PER- CENT			PER- CENT
DWELLING STARTS (urban)	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE
Alberta									
a) Single Detached	7,472	3,527	-52.8	1,283	879	-31.5	1,093	931	-14.8
b) Two Family	368	202	-45.1	64	30	-53.1	56	68	21.4
c) Row	650	254	-60.9	351	68	-80.6	31	70	125.8
d) Apartments	788	210	-73.4	357	70	-80.4	114	6	-94.7

Signs of improving activity in housing starts were evident in June 1991 compared to June 1990.

	JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
			PER- CENT			PER- CENT			PER- CENT
A. INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE
Alberta									
a) Total	379,345	369,728	-2.5	89,030	93,562	5.1	147,711	134,615	-8.9
b) U.S.A	249,112	238,648	-4.2	58,522	59,051	0.9	100,209	89,777	-10.4
c) Germany	10,061	12,599	25.2	2,497	3,016	20.8	3,591	4,585	27.7
d) Netherlands	3,586	4,353	21.4	966	1,260	30.4	1,390	1,534	10.4
e) Switzerland	2,530	2,824	11.6	491	669	36.3	930	974	4.7
f) United Kingdom	17,576	18,970	7.9	4,294	5,047	17.5	6,125	6,111	-0.2
g) Hong Kong	681	739	8.5	103	151	46.6	276	299	8.3
h) Japan	9,172	6,760	-26.3	2,940	1,781	-39.4	2,443	2,193	-10.2
i) Australia	4,355	2,910	-33.2	816	680	-16.7	1,904	799	-58.0

Travelers entering Alberta decreased by 8.9% in July 1991 compared to July 1990.

(Note: Figures given are for non-residents entering Alberta directly. Consequently, actual totals will be understated as significant numbers of travelers enter via other provinces. This movement will not be reflected in this table.)

B. RESTAURANT CATERERS & TAVERN RECEIPTS (\$ Min)	JANUARY - JUNE			MAY			JUNE		
	1990	1991	PER- CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER- CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER- CENT CHANGE
Alberta	833.6	792.6	-4.9	143.9	139.2	-3.3	154.9	142.4	-8.1

Receipts declined in June.

RETAIL TRADE (\$millions)	JANUARY - JUNE			MAY			JUNE		
	1990	1991	PER- CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER- CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER- CENT CHANGE
Alberta									
a) Total All Stores	9,462	8,962	-5.3	1,746	1,684	-3.6	1,772	1,650	-6.9

Receipts declined in June.

MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture \$millions)	JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
	1990	1991	PER- CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER- CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER- CENT CHANGE
Alberta									
a) Total	10,702.8	10,905.7	1.9	1,611.0	1,609.3	-0.1	1,522.3	1,575.6	3.5
b) Food	2,395.2	2,483.5	3.7	383.9	366.0	-4.7	360.7	367.4	1.9
c) Beverage	199.5	197.4	-1.1	30.8	33.3	8.1	32.0	35.5	10.9
d) Primary Metal	528.9	573.3	8.4	68.4	81.4	19.0	63.9	72.8	13.9
e) Metal Fabricating	599.1	572.7	-4.4	89.2	88.3	-1.0	88.5	88.9	0.5
f) Printing Publishing	451.8	436.9	-3.3	62.9	64.4	2.4	57.8	54.3	-6.1
g) Non-Metallic Mineral Products	345.3	300.9	-12.9	60.0	53.4	-11.0	65.6	60.2	-8.2
h) Petroleum/Coal Products	1,748.4	1,892.1	8.2	240.6	270.4	12.4	250.0	287.6	15.0
i) Chemicals and Chemical Products	1,905.1	1,864.4	-2.1	285.7	256.3	-10.3	248.7	244.3	-1.8
j) Wood	566.8	479.6	-15.4	87.2	85.0	-2.5	82.8	75.1	-9.3
k) Furniture and Fixtures	143.4	128.9	-10.1	19.6	18.1	-7.7	17.5	16.8	-4.0
l) Paper and Allied	415.1	499.0	20.2	69.1	77.4	12.0	61.7	74.0	19.9
m) Electronic Products	300.9	365.9	21.6	47.4	56.3	18.8	42.5	49.3	16.0
n) Other	145.4	161.8	11.3	21.1	22.3	5.7	20.2	22.3	10.4

Gains in shipments in 8 of 13 categories were sufficient to offset losses elsewhere leading to a 3.5% overall gain in July 1991 compared to July 1990.

	JANUARY - MAY			APRIL			MAY		
	1990	1991	PER-CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER-CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER-CENT CHANGE
ENERGY									
<u>Alberta</u>									
a) Natural Gas Production (millions of cubic metres)	49,044.1	51,155.3	4.3	9,528.5	9,998.1	4.9	9,281.5	9,484.3	2.2
b) Crude Oil and Equivalents Production (thousands of cubic metres)	32,022.3	32,446.1	1.3	6,463.2	6,085.5	-5.8	6,301.9	6,462.2	2.5

Crude oil & equivalents production showed signs of improved activity in May 1991 over May 1990.

	AVERAGE JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
	1990	1991	PER-CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER-CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER-CENT CHANGE
RIG ACTIVITY									
<u>Alberta</u>									
a) Drilling activity	127	129	1.2	102	77	-24.5	116	94	-19.0
b) Available	380	360	-5.3	376	361	-4.0	381	353	-7.3
OIL PRICE (W.T.I. - \$U.S.)	19.67	21.26	8.1	16.86	20.20	19.8	18.64	21.43	15.0

The number of rigs drilling declined in July.

	JANUARY - JUNE			JANUARY - MARCH			APRIL - JUNE		
	1990	1991	PER-CENT CHANGE	1989	1990	PER-CENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PER-CENT CHANGE
AGRICULTURE - Farm Cash Receipts (\$millions)									
<u>Alberta</u>									
a) Total From Operations	2,252.0	2,156.1	-4.3	1,286.3	1,209.4	-6.0	965.7	946.7	-2.0
b) Crops	983.4	897.6	-8.7	663.7	565.2	-14.8	319.7	332.4	4.0
c) Livestock	1,175.5	1,186.5	0.9	558.9	579.4	3.7	616.6	607.1	-1.5

Total farm cash receipts declined in value in the second quarter of 1991 compared to 1990.

	JANUARY - MAY			APRIL			MAY		
			PER-CENT			PER-CENT			PER-CENT
EXPORTS (\$millions)	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE
<u>Alberta</u>									
a) Total	6,092.6	7,038.9	15.5	1,171.0	1,342.0	14.6	1,281.6	1,349.6	5.3
b) Crude Materials	3,478.5	4,399.2	26.5	647.7	815.0	25.8	688.7	791.5	14.9
c) Fabricated Materials	1,213.1	1,396.9	15.2	225.0	255.7	13.6	241.6	259.6	7.5
d) End Products	286.7	305.4	6.5	58.1	60.3	3.8	65.8	60.9	-7.4
e) Other	1,114.4	937.5	-15.9	240.1	211.0	-12.1	285.4	237.6	-16.7

The value of exports continued to increase in May on a year-over-year basis.

	JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
			PER-CENT			PER-CENT			PER-CENT
BANKRUPTCIES	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE
<u>Alberta</u>									
a) Business	615	806	31.1	68	76	11.8	77	95	23.4
b) Consumer	1,949	3,141	61.2	307	445	45.0	318	449	41.2

Bankruptcies increased in both categories in July 1991 over 1990.

	JANUARY - JULY			JUNE			JULY		
			PER-CENT			PER-CENT			PER-CENT
NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE	1990	1991	CHANGE
<u>Alberta</u>									
a) Alberta Corporations	9,757	9,186	-5.9	1,380	955	-30.8	1,122	991	-11.7
b) Non-Alberta Corporations	1,047	926	-11.6	138	132	-4.3	110	127	15.5

Incorporations of non-Alberta firms increased in July.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 1986=100 (Canada and Selected Cities)	ANNUAL RATES			1991						
	1988	1989	1990	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
a) Canada	108.6	114.0	119.5	125.0	125.5	125.5	126.1	126.7	126.8	126.9
b) Edmonton	107.1	111.8	117.8	122.5	123.1	123.4	124.6	124.6	125.2	125.3
c) Calgary	106.6	110.7	117.6	122.9	123.6	123.3	124.3	124.6	125.5	125.9
d) Halifax	107.4	112.5	118.2	125.0	125.5	124.8	125.1	125.0	125.1	124.8
e) Toronto	110.9	117.9	123.4	127.3	127.8	127.8	128.7	129.4	129.6	129.6
f) Winnipeg	108.5	113.7	118.9	124.1	124.6	124.5	124.4	125.0	125.4	125.6
g) Vancouver	106.8	111.5	117.6	123.2	123.3	123.3	123.5	124.0	123.9	123.9

Upward pressure on prices was moderate to nil in all cities listed in August over July 1991.

EXCHANGE RATES (in \$CDN)	ANNUAL AVERAGE			1991						
	1988	1989	1990	JAN	FEB	MAR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
a) United States	1.2307	1.1839	1.1668	1.1559	1.1546	1.1569	1.1533	1.1496	1.1437	1.1491
b) Japan	0.0096	0.0086	0.0081	0.0087	0.0088	0.0084	0.0084	0.0083	0.0081	0.0083
c) Germany	0.7027	0.6308	0.7239	0.7667	0.7801	0.7205	0.6778	0.6692	0.6418	0.6438
d) United Kingdom	2.1926	1.9414	2.0824	2.2377	2.2680	2.1117	2.0188	1.9832	1.8875	1.8976
e) France	0.2072	0.1859	0.2148	0.2257	0.2292	0.2117	0.2006	0.1974	0.1892	0.1897

The Canadian dollar declined in value against all currencies listed in July over June 1991.

INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	ANNUAL AVERAGE			1991						
	1988	1989	1990	JAN	FEB	MAR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
a) Canada	10.8	13.3	14.1	12.25	11.25	11.25	10.75	9.75	9.75	9.75
b) United States	9.4	10.9	10.0	9.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50

Rates were unchanged in July over June 1991.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 1985=100 (Selected Countries)	ANNUAL AVERAGE			1990		1991				
	1988	1989	1990	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
a) Canada	113.1	118.7	124.4	126.9	126.9	130.2	130.2	130.7	130.7	131.3
b) United States	109.9	115.2	121.4	124.3	124.3	125.1	125.3	125.5	125.7	126.0
c) Japan	101.4	103.7	106.9	108.9	108.6	109.5	109.2	109.7	110.2	110.7
d) Germany	101.4	104.2	107.0	108.0	108.1	108.8	109.1	109.0	109.5	109.9
e) United Kingdom	113.0	121.8	133.4	137.5	137.4	137.7	138.4	138.9	140.7	141.2
f) France	108.8	112.6	116.4	118.0	118.0	118.5	118.7	118.8	119.2	119.5

Canada and Japan posted the highest rate of growth in the CPI over the period April to May, the U.S. the lowest.

INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISON OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	ATLANTIC	QUEBEC	ONTARIO	MAN.	SASK.	ALBERTA	B.C.	CANADA	
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (unadjusted)									
a) AUGUST 1990	11.4	9.7	6.3	7.3	6.5	7.1	8.2	7.9	<i>Alberta's unemployment rate was the second lowest in Canada in August.</i>
b) AUGUST 1991	13.1	11.3	9.6	9.3	6.9	7.8	9.4	10.0	
EMPLOYED (unadjusted 000's)									
a) AUGUST 1990	1,009	3,167	5,042	521	472	1,257	1,515	12,983	<i>Alberta posted the highest rate of growth in employment in August 1991 compared to August 1990.</i>
b) AUGUST 1991	978	3,106	4,907	506	466	1,279	1,521	12,762	
c) Percent Change	-3.1	-1.9	-2.7	-2.9	-1.3	1.8	0.4	-1.7	
TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES (adjusted seasonally \$millions)									
a) JUNE 1990	1,733.1	6,483.1	12,199.8	922.7	698.5	2,631.8	3,274.8	28,065.0	<i>All regions except Manitoba posted increases in wages & salaries in June 1991 over 1990.</i>
b) JUNE 1991	1,762.5	6,504.8	12,691.4	919.1	707.1	2,769.7	3,462.7	29,005.6	
c) Percent Change	1.7	0.3	4.0	-0.4	1.2	5.2	5.7	3.4	
RETAIL TRADE (unadjusted \$millions)									
a) JANUARY - JUNE 1990	7,228	23,222	34,161	3,138	2,649	9,462	11,698	91,823	<i>Retail trade activity was weak across the country over the first half of the year.</i>
b) JANUARY - JUNE 1991	6,910	21,467	31,242	2,952	2,489	8,962	11,227	85,500	
c) Percent Change	-4.4	-7.6	-8.5	-5.9	-6.0	-5.3	-4.0	-6.9	
MANUFACTURING (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture in \$millions)									
a) JANUARY TO JULY 1990	8,008.3	42,145.9	90,792.9	4,117.6	2,121.3	10,702.8	14,750.7	172,672.8	<i>Alberta posted the strongest and only growth in shipments over the first seven months of the year.</i>
b) JANUARY TO JULY 1991	7,991.2	39,168.8	83,432.9	3,437.4	2,065.0	10,905.7	13,486.0	160,520.2	
c) Percent Change	-0.2	-7.1	-8.1	-16.5	-2.7	1.9	-8.6	-7.0	
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations \$millions)									
a) JANUARY TO JUNE 1990	447.2	1,845.1	2,627.3	1,049.7	2,152.8	2,252.0	592.6	10,966.8	<i>The value of farm cash receipts declined across the country over the first half of 1991.</i>
b) JANUARY TO JUNE 1991	401.7	1,787.5	2,499.4	1,009.3	2,110.2	2,156.1	590.5	10,554.8	
c) Percent Change	-10.2	-3.1	-4.9	-3.8	-2.0	-4.3	-0.4	-3.8	
EXPORTS (\$millions)									
a) JANUARY TO MAY 1990	2,984.3	9,593.4	29,611.9	1,239.7	2,410.4	6,092.6	7,203.9	59,249.7	<i>Alberta's rate of growth in exports was the highest in Canada from January to May 1991 over 1990.</i>
b) JANUARY TO MAY 1991	2,838.6	10,463.2	26,876.7	1,307.8	2,496.3	7,039.0	6,532.3	57,618.3	
c) Percent Change	-4.9	9.1	-9.2	5.5	3.6	15.5	-9.3	-2.8	

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Bankruptcies:	Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada, Superintendent of Bankruptcy
Building Permits:	Statistics Canada Catalogue No. 64-001 <u>Building Permits</u>
Business Incorporations:	Corporate Registry, Alberta Consumer & Corporate Affairs
Consumer Price Index:	Statistics Canada, Catalogue No. 62-002 and International Monetary Fund, <u>International Financial Statistics</u>
Dwelling Starts:	Statistics Canada Catalogue No. 64-002 <u>Housing Starts and Completions</u>
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Wages and Salaries:	Statistics Canada Catalogue No. 72-005 <u>Estimates of Labour Income</u>

All series except international prices and business incorporations are also available on the Alberta Statistical Information System (ASIST).

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